THE PATERNAL LINEAGE OF THE FLAGG FAMILY

FROM NORFOLK ENGLAND TO THE NEW WORLD

Preface

The story of a family name is rarely just about the letters that form it; it is about the blood, the bone, and the relentless spirit of the people who carried it across centuries. For the Flagg family, that journey is a sprawling epic that winds through the ancient, windswept fields of Norfolk, England, braves the gray expanse of the Atlantic, and ultimately takes root in the soil of the New World.

From the early Eleazer's who forged a life in the wilderness of New England to the doctors, lawmakers, and protectors of the modern era, the Flagg lineage is defined by a singular tradition: Service. It is a legacy of hands that heal, minds that lead, and hearts that protect, all anchored by a steadfast, generational faith in Christ.

This book is a bridge between the Norfolk ancestors we never knew and the generations yet to come. It is an attempt to map the quiet strength and the loud triumphs of a family that has always looked forward without ever forgetting where it began.

Dedication

This work is dedicated to my father, Dan Flagg.

Dad, you are a living embodiment of the heritage within these pages. Through your strength, your service to others, and your unwavering devotion to our family and your faith, you have carried the Flagg name with an honor that would make our ancestors proud. You are the link that binds our history to our future.

This is your story, your bloodline, and your legacy.

THE DE FLEGGS IN ENGLAND

1160 - 1426

Referenced from: Family Records of the Descendants of Gershom Flagg (1730), by Norman G. and Lucius C. S. Flagg (1907). Includes the lineage of Thomas Flegg of Watertown, Mass., and the family's English ancestry.

The family of DE FLEGG was seated in the latter part of the twelfth century in the county of Norfolk, on the east coast of England, and bears the name of the Hundreds of East and West Flegg in that county, where they held grants of land in the reign of Henry II.

"In the south-eastern corner of Norfolk there is a dense Danish settlement occupying the Hundreds of East and West Flegg [from the Norse word "flegg" or Danish "vlak," meaning flat], a space some eight miles by seven, well protected on every side by the sea and the estuaries of the Bure and the Yare." — [From "Words and Places," by Isaac Taylor, 1885].

Sir Henry Spellman supposes that "the Danes made here their first settlement in England, as the nearest part of Norfolk to the sea, being well secured by its site, water, etc. to maintain themselves therein and from the names of towns ending in "by", a Danish suffix for an habitation or village."

The Britons and the Romans also are supposed to have had settlements here at an early date.

That the family was not of Saxon origin is indicated by their residence in this Danish settlement, their affiliations with Norman families so soon after the reign of William the Conqueror and their connection, in official positions, with the Roman Catholic Church. It is probable that they were either Danes or NormanFrench and took their name from the Danish Hundreds where they held grants of land, the Norman-French "de Flegg" meaning "of Flegg."

The two Hundreds of East and West Flegg make up the Deanery of Flegg in the Archdeaconry of Norwich. How they received their name is not known and little is known of them till the reign of King Stephen, who, by letters patent, granted these two Hundreds to Henry, his nephew, then abbot, and the monks of Saint Bennett.

Flegg Hall, the seat of the family in Norfolk in feudal times, is referred to in the History of Norfolk, 1805-1810 [Library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston], Vol. XI, page 194, as follows:

"Flegg Hall: Sir John de Flegg was Lord in right of Margaret, his wife. The Fleggs had an interest in this town [Winterton] in the reign of Henry II, when John, Bishop of Norwich, and Gerard the prior and convent, granted in fee to Henry, son of Algar de Flegg, eight acres and three roods of land here in soccage, and ten acres in Dodsholm which Nigel formerly held of them, at 4s. 4d. per annum. Witnesses, Geffry, the Archdeacon. Arthur, Roger and William de Flegg were witnesses to a charter of Eberard, Bishop of Norwich."

The history of Norfolk, England, 1781 [Library of Congress, Washington, D. C], Vol. IV, page 53, contains the following:

"Flegg Hall: In the reign of Richard I, Theobald de Valoines granted to Henry de Flegg all the fee which he held of him in Winterton and Somerton for 3s. per annum for which he formerly paid 20s. sans date.

"In the reign of Henry III, Sir William de Flegg sold it to the de Mautebys, and it was brought by marriage to the Fastens. John Paston, Esq., died fiefed of Mauteby and Flegg Manors, in the 6th of Edward IV, 1466, which extended into East and West Somerton; and Sir William Paston was found to die Lord of Winterton, Mauteby Manor, held of the Dean and Chapter of Norwich in soccage in the year 1611. In the year 1740 the Earl of Yarmouth [a Paston] was Lord."

In the reign of Henry II there were living in the county of Norfolk, two brothers, Alger de Flegg and Henry de Flegg. Henry was Prior of Norwich in 1168. The brother,

ALGER DE FLEGG, was living in 1160. His son,

HENRY DE FLEGG, of Flegg Hall and Hickling in the Hundred of West Flegg, county Norfolk, in 1204, is mentioned in records of Herald's Visitations in the 1st year of the reign of King John [1199] as holding patents to three divisions of land. [Library of Congress, Washington, D. C]. His son,

JOHN DE FLEGG, of Flegg Hall, by Beatrix, his wife, had issue, three sons,

I. John [Sir], of whom presently.

II. Thomas, of Swafield, county Norfolk, in 1241. '"Thomas Flegg and Dionisia, his wife, convey to John Flegg a messuege, with lands and a foldcourse here [Swafield] in the 33rd of Henry III." [History of Norfolk]. He, by Dionisia, his wife, had issue, three sons,
1. Roger, who, in 1307, was Vicar General of the order of Friars of Penetentia Jesu, at Lynn.
2. Arthur.
3. William.

III. Simon, living in the 41st of Henry III, had son, Simon, Prior of Haverland.

The son,

SIR JOHN DE FLEGG, of Flegg Hall, 1228, Lord of Flegg and Bassingham Manors. This feudal lord married Margaret, daughter of Sir Piers de Bassingham, Lord, of Bassingham Manor, who left three daughters and coheirs; Christian, the eldest, married Sir Walter de Mauteby. Sir John was lord of Bassingham Manor in right of Margaret, his wife. Their heir,

SIR WILLIAM DE FLEGG, of Flegg Hall, living in the 53rd of Henry III, 1268, sold Flegg Manor to the de Mautebys. His heir,

WILLIAM LE FLEGHT [or FLEGG] released to Walter de Mauteby all his right and title in the manor of Bassingham, that of West Beckham and Matalak, in the 6th of Edward I, 1277. John de Mauteby was Lord in the 9th of Edward II, 1315.

The following members of this family, whose relationship has not been ascertained, were all of the county of Norfolk:

William de Flegg, born at Hofton, 1316.
Henry de Flegg, living in 1320.
Thomas Flegg, died 1378.
John Flegg.
William Flegg, died 1426

From Edward Hasted's "Kent County." (extract.)

"Folkestone Hundred. Hawking Parish.'

Fleggs Court (or Hawking Manor) anciently held of the Barony of Folkestone or Averenches, by knights service and ward to Dover Castle, by a family who took their surname from it. After they were extinct, it came into the possession of the Fleghs, continuing until reign of Edward I (1272-1307) in the 23rd of which, William, son of John de Flegh, gave all his manor in the Hundred of Folkestone in Hawking and Evering together with the church of Hawking to the Abbot and convent of St. Radigund, at which time the mansion of this manor had acquired its present name of Flegh's Court."

Flegg
(Flagg)

This illustration comes from the book, "Armorial Général", by Johannes Baptiste Rietstap, first published in 1861 with later expanded editions. Considered the "Bible" of European heraldry. It contains descriptions (blazons) of over 130,000 coats of arms from across Europe.

The Abbreviations Explained: Rietstap wrote in French, which explains the abbreviations:

anc^t (anciennement): "Formerly."

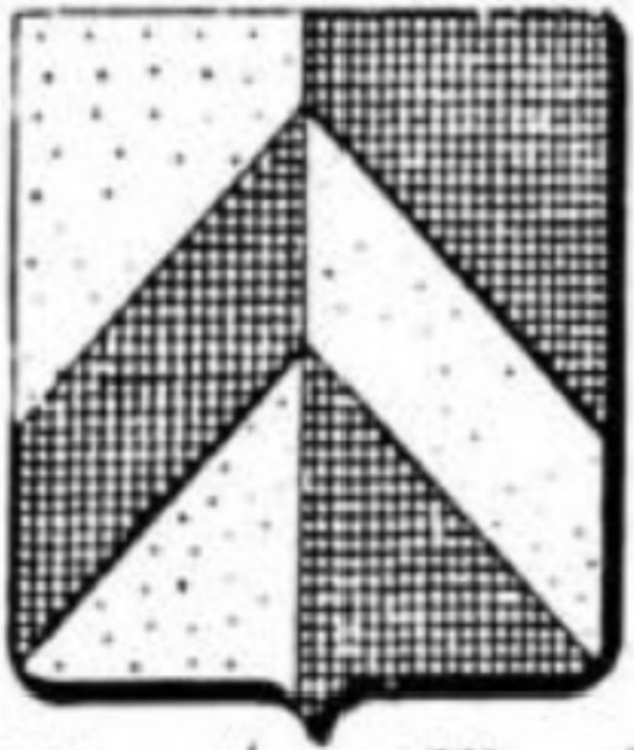
Norm: "Normandie" (Normandy, France).

Angl: "Angleterre" (England).

VS: This refers to the colors (tinctures). In Rietstap's shorthand, V stands for Vert (Green) and S stands for Sable (Black).

The History of the Name

The entry documents the Flagg family (originally de Flegg) as being of Norman-French origin. The family moved to England (specifically Norfolk) during the Middle Ages. Many members of the Flagg family in America trace their lineage back to this specific line via Thomas Flagg, who settled in Massachusetts in 1637.



Flagg(anc. de Flegg
Norm., Angl VS

The Flagg (or Flegg) family coat of arms, a design associated with a lineage that traces back to Norfolk, England, as far back as the 12th century.

Heraldic Breakdown

The Shield (Escutcheon): The shield is divided "per pale" (vertically down the middle). The left side is Or (gold/yellow) and the right side is Sable (black). It features two chevrons that are "counter-changed"—meaning the colors of the chevrons are reversed against the background colors.

The Crest: Above the helmet is a wreath holding two wings addorsed (placed back-to-back), encircled by a laurel wreath. In heraldry, wings often symbolize protection or swiftness, while the laurel wreath signifies honor and achievement.

The Helmet: The blue-tinted helmet is a "steel" helmet shown in profile, typical for a gentleman or esquire.

The Name: The name "Flagg" is written in a traditional Blackletter (Gothic) script at the base.

Flagg

Introduction to the Flegg/Flagg Line

This genealogy begins with Thomas Flegg born about 1621 because he is the earliest verifiable ancestor in the Flegg/Flagg family line on the paternal side. Thomas Flegg is widely believed to be the son of Allen Flegg and Nazareth Devoroys; however, no direct documentary proof conclusively establishes this identification. While earlier generations may have existed in England, Thomas Flegg is the first member of the family for whom reliable historical records clearly establish identity, family relationships, and continuity of descent.

Thomas Flegg is documented in early New England records following his arrival from Norfolk, England, and his settlement in Watertown, Massachusetts in the mid-17th century. Surviving town, church, and vital records confirm his marriage, the births of his children—including Eleazer Flegg (born 1653)—and the continuation of the family line in America. These records provide a firm and traceable foundation upon which subsequent generations can be accurately documented.

Earlier individuals bearing the Flegg name appear in English records; however, no conclusive documentation has been found that definitively links those individuals to this family line without speculation. In keeping with sound genealogical standards, this work begins with the earliest ancestor whose life and descendants can be confirmed through primary and secondary historical sources.

From Thomas Flegg forward, the Flagg family story unfolds through generations of public service, faith, and community involvement—roots that began in England and took lasting hold in the New World.

Thomas Flegg born 1621

Thomas Flegg, baptized at Whinburgh, County Norfolk, England, on May 6, 1621. He came to this county with Richard Carver on April 11, 1637, embarking at Scratby, Norfolk. Records show Thomas was a servant of Richard Carver, but not a servant in the usual meaning of the word. It most probable that Thomas's relation to Carver was for the voyage only and was necessitated by some English law requiring that unmarried men below a certain age could not leave the country unless accompanied by a family member.

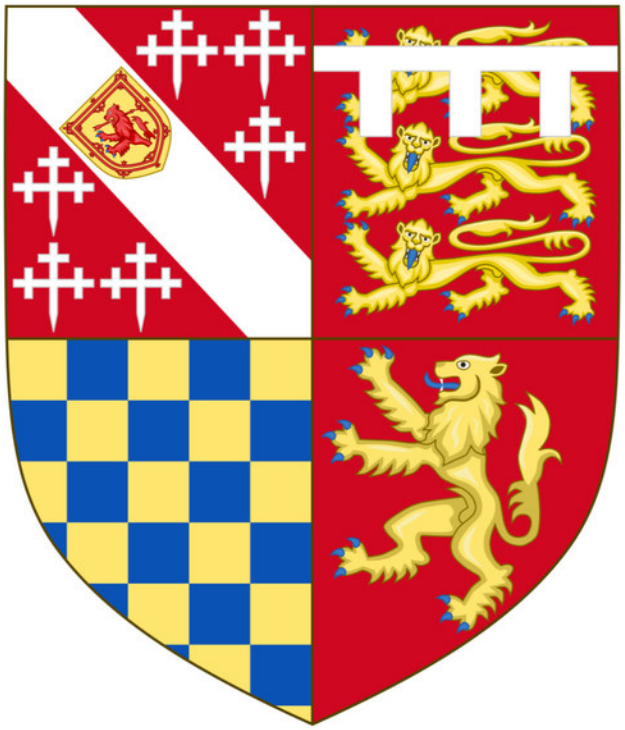
Though not among the first proprietors of the town of Watertown Massachusetts, his name is found on the records as early as 1641; appears as owner of a "homestall" of 6 acres, also a lot of 20 acres which had been originally granted to one John Rose in the "1st great dividend, "25 July 1636". He was probably the ancestor of all families bearing the Flegg name in this country. Thomas seems to have been a man of some prominence in the town; was selectman 1671-76, 78, 81, 85-87. This was a post of real honor in the early days, and the social distinctions were carefully observed. Thomas lost his left eye due to a gunshot accident prior to 1659. Married to Mary, unknown surname, who died December 30, 1702. According to family tradition, Thomas loved a girl in station below his own; their union was opposed by his family, so they decided to emigrate, and did so coming in two vessels which sailed in company and marrying soon after arrival. Thomas and Mary had twelve children. Of the twelve, **Eleazer Flegg, born in Watertown, May 14, 1653**. Thomas Flegg died on February 6, 1697/98 in Watertown Massachusetts.

St George's Church in Hardingham, Breckland, Norfolk, England. The medieval church remains standing today and serves as the historic parish church of Hardingham.

Family tradition places Thomas Fleg(g)'s baptism in Whinburgh. The parish records of Whinburgh, however, no longer survive for the early 1600s. A baptism for Thomas Fleg(g) on May 6, 1621, is recorded in nearby Hardingham, less than a mile away, suggesting that the two references may describe the same event.

King Chartles 1 of England 1625 to 1649

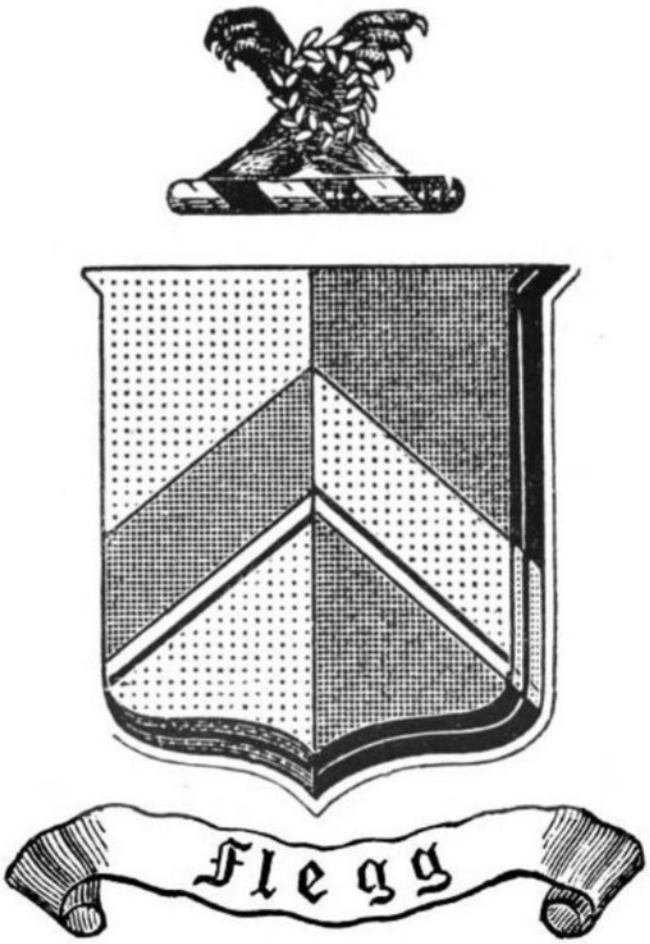
In the years leading up to 1637, Norfolk was a region shaped by both agricultural tradition and growing religious tension. England was under the rule of King Charles I, whose enforcement of strict religious conformity through the Church of England created deep unease among Puritans and other dissenting groups. Many in East Anglia, including Norfolk, faced increasing pressure from authorities aligned with Archbishop William Laud, who sought to suppress nonconforming religious practices. At the same time, economic challenges—such as fluctuating agricultural markets and limited land opportunities—made it difficult for younger generations to establish themselves. Against this backdrop of religious restriction and economic uncertainty, many families chose to leave England during what became known as the Great Migration, seeking greater freedom and opportunity in the American colonies. It was within this climate that Thomas Flegg made the decision to depart Norfolk, embarking on a journey that would carry him to a new life in New England.



In the 17th century the most prominent heraldic symbol associated with Norfolk, the Coat of Arms of the Dukes of Norfolk.

The 17th century City of Norwich Arms is one of the oldest and most recognizable civic shields in England.

FLEGG



Arms: Per pale or and sable a chevron counterchanged

Crest: Two lions' gambs in saltire sable enfiled with laurel in orle, vert. [*Burke.*]

OTE: When emblazoned, the lion's gambs are black, laurel wreath green, dotted portions gold and crosshatched portions black.

Eleazer Flegg born May 14, 1653 and husband to Deborah (Wright) Flegg

Son of Thomas Flegg born 1621

Eleazer Flegg, born in Watertown Massachusetts, May 14, 1653. He removed to Concord Massachusetts; was a tanner, a skilled artisan who transforms raw animal hides and skins into leather. Like at least three of his brothers he served in King Phillip's war, being in Capt. Samuel Appleton's company in the Narragansett expedition of 1675. Was admitted a freeman March 20, 1690; held town offices. Married in Concord, October 10, 1676, to Deborah Wright (whose first husband, John Barnes, was killed by Indians in the Sudbury fight March 31, 1676). Eleazer died in Concord Massachusetts, May 1, 1722.

Of their five children was **Eleazer born about 1687.**

17th Century Watertown, Massachusetts

In 1653, Watertown was a community still in the early stages of colonial development. Founded in 1630, it was among the earliest settlements in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and during the mid-17th century it remained a tightly knit, agrarian society shaped by Puritan beliefs, local self-governance, and the constant demands of frontier life. This period was marked by both growth and conflict, including rising tensions with Native American tribes that culminated in events such as King Philip's War, bringing violence and uncertainty to many Massachusetts towns.

By the late 1600s and early 1700s, nearby Concord—established in 1635—had developed into a more stable farming community. Though no longer a fragile frontier, it continued to be governed by strict religious and civic structures, where town meetings, church obligations, and agricultural labor defined daily life. Over time, the region steadily expanded, and what had once been vulnerable settlements grew into organized and enduring communities, laying the groundwork for future generations in colonial Massachusetts.

King Phillips War
1675 - 1678

Eleazer Flegg born about 1687 and husband of Deborah (Tompkins) Flegg

Son of Eleazer Flegg born May 14, 1653

Eleazer Flegg, born about 1687. Lived in Concord Massachusetts, where he was constable and surveyor of highways. He was one of the original forty purchasers of Hassanamisco, Grafton. On the various divisions of the land among proprietors, 1728-1744, he received parcels aggregating about 150 acres. There is no evidence that he himself ever lived in the new town, but unlike some others, his interest was not that of a speculator in land.

Eleazer the father was also a petitioner for the Narragansett townships, as eldest male heir of his father, and on the setting apart of these lands by General Court in 1733 his name is found as a grantee of Narragansett No. 6 (now Templeton); also the entry that he received lot 94W in the division of that township in 1735.

Eleazer married in Concord on January 26, 1708/9, to Deborah Tompkins, who was born in Salem on January 8, 1688/9. Tompkins died in Grafton, December 16, 1753. Eleazer died in Concord March 28, 1745, in his 59th year.

Eleazer and Deborah's eldest child was **Eleazer Flegg/Flagg, born in Concord, October 23, 1709.**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

National No. _____ State No. _____

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, N. S., S. A. R.

New York, February 23d 189[illegible]

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

The New York Society

OF THE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, CASSANDER D. FLAGG, being of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, to wit, of the age of fifty-four, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from John Flagg who was born in Upton, Mass. on the sixth of October 17[illegible], lived in Westboro, Mass. and Wilmington, Vt. and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Newton Lower Falls County of Middlesex State of Massachusetts on the 15th day of December 18[illegible]

I am the son of Cassander D. Flagg

Hannah Jones Flagg his wife,

grandson of John Flagg

Anna Cook Flagg his wife,

great-grandson of James Flagg

Anna Morse Flagg his wife,

great-great-grandson of Eleazer Flagg

Debora Tompkins Flagg his wife,

great-great-great-grandson of Eleazer Flagg

Debora Barnes Flagg his wife,

great-great-great-great-grandson of Thomas Flagg

Mary Flagg his wife,

and he, the said John Flagg is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of He was in the Westboro Company from Massachusetts

According to the historical records and the lineage anchored by Cassander Flagg (husband of Hannah Jones), our family's American journey traces directly back to the patriarch **Eleazer Flegg (born 1653)** and his wife Deborah in Concord, Massachusetts. As recorded in the Sons of the American Revolution documentation, Cassander represents the 3rd great-grandson of this foundational couple.

Their son, **Eleazer Flagg (born 1709)**, and his wife Huldah Chandler, were the bold pioneers who moved the family line forward and established our historic homestead in Grafton. The legacy continued through their son, **Eleazer Flagg (born 1734)**, and his wife, Sarah Chandler (born 1742). While this Eleazer passed away shortly before the Revolution, his children and extended family carried the Flagg name into the struggle for independence—a history Cassander proudly documented to solidify our place in the American story. Today, this lineage remains a testament to a family name defined by resilience and a shared sense of history.

Eleazer Flagg born 10-23-1709 and husband of Hulda (Chandler) Flagg

Son of Eleazer Flagg born 1687

Home of Eleazer and Huldah Flagg, Grafton, Massachussets

Eleazer Flagg, son of Eleazer and Deborah Flagg, and the third of the name in direct line, was born in Concord Massachusetts, the home of his father and grandfather, October 23, 1709. In his time the surname was in process of transformation from the earlier Flegg, the form found (with variations Fleg or Flec) on the English records back as far as the Norman conquest or before and uniformly used in this country the first two or three generations. He himself almost invariably employed the form Flagg, as the other members of the family have since his time. His early days were doubtless spent at the ancestral home in Concord, though we have no definite record on this point, or of the exact date of his coming to Hassanamisco, of which town his father Eleazer Flagg, was one of the original forty proprietors. His farm was on the cast slope of Chestnut Hill. An interesting relic of the settlement is a wooden bowl which he carved out of a tree trunk in 1732, inherited last by Charles A. Flagg, of the Congressional Library, Washington, and given by him to the Worcester Society of Antiquity. The farmhouse erected there in 1745 was torn down in 1845 to make way for a new one.

Eleazer Flagg was appointed Deputy Sheriff, by Benjamin Flagg, Sheriff of the county, his cousin, July 26, 1746, and he held the office several years. He died in Grafton Massachusetts, August 8, 1771. He was feeble and helpless for several years before his death, but was cared for by his daughter Submit, who devoted all her time to him for several years.

He married, at Concord, September 28, 1731, to Huldah Chandler. She was born at Concord, July 5, 1709. Of their seven children was **Eleazer Flagg, born November 12, 1734**.

Eleazer Flagg born 1709, Old Oak Street Burial Ground, Grafton, Worcester County, Massachusetts

18th Century Concord, Massachusetts

During the 18th century, Concord stood as a well-established agricultural town within the Province of Massachusetts Bay. No longer a fragile frontier settlement, it had developed into a stable community where farming, local trade, and town governance shaped daily life. Residents participated in regular town meetings, maintained close ties to the local church, and lived under a system that blended civic responsibility with religious expectations.

As the century progressed, broader imperial tensions began to influence even small towns like Concord. Trade regulations imposed by Britain, rising taxes, and growing dissatisfaction with colonial governance gradually stirred political awareness among its inhabitants. By the mid-1700s, the region was experiencing the early undercurrents of unrest that would eventually lead to the American Revolution. Though still largely rural in character, Concord was becoming part of a larger movement, as communities across Massachusetts began to question authority and assert greater independence, setting the stage for the dramatic events that would unfold shortly after.

Drawn by J. W. Barber—Engraved by J. Downes, Worcester.

CENTRAL PART OF CONCORD, MASS.

The above is a northern view in the central part of Concord village. Part of the Court-House is seen on the left. Burying-ground Hill (a post of observation to the British officers in the invasion of 1775) is seen a short distance beyond. The Unitarian Church and Middlesex Hotel are seen on the right.

Eleazer Flagg born November 12, 1734 and husband of Sarah (Chandler) Flagg

Son of Eleazer Flagg born October 23, 1709

Eleazer Flagg, the fourth Eleazer in direct line, was born in Grafton Massachusetts on November 12, 1734. He became a farmer in Grafton, establishing his life and livelihood upon the land that had been connected to his family for generations. His uncle, Nathaniel Flagg of Grafton, on May 6, 1761, conveyed to him a plot of 34 acres and 50 rods on George Hill, Grafton, undoubtedly part of the original share of his grandfather Eleazer Flagg in 1728. It is evident that the purchase of this place for £120 (libra being the Latin root of the British pound) was really his father's act and part of his father's plan for providing for his children. At the time of his death in Grafton on February 10, 1767, the inventory of Eleazer's estate amounted to £281, 1 shilling, and 1 pence.

Eleazer Flagg married in Concord, Massachusetts, on December 8, 1763, to Sarah Chandler, born in Concord on December 9, 1742.

Eleazer and Sarah had two children: **Eleazer Flagg, born January 10, 1767**, and Sarah Flagg, born November 6, 1764.

Dr. Chandler Flagg born January 1, 1782

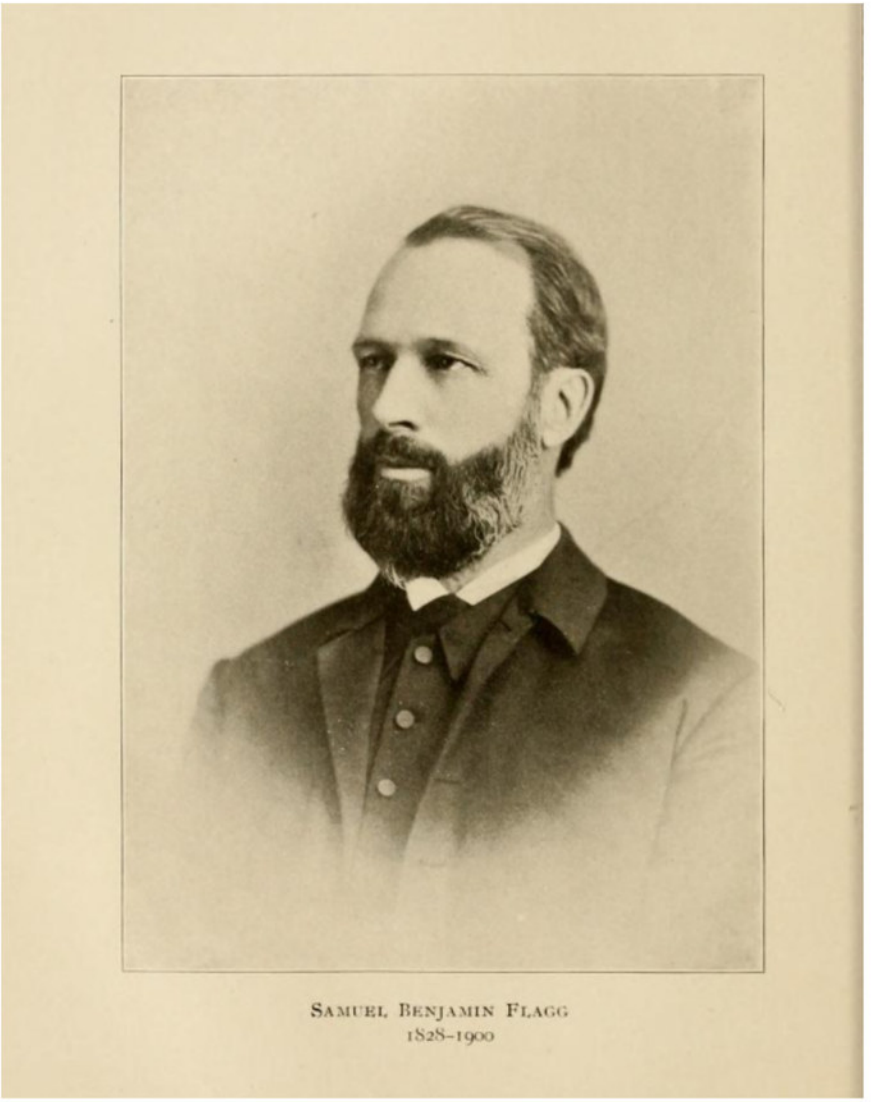
Son of Samuel Flagg (1741-1822) and Lydia Rockwood

Dr. Chandler Flagg (1782-1859)

Chandlers father, Samual Flagg, is brother to **Eleazer Flagg born November 12, 1734**, a direct ancestor in the paternal Flagg line.

Chandler was born in Grafton Massachusetts on January 1, 1782. Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in 1803 and studied medicine with Dr. Holyoke. Relocated to Marblehead in 1810, and there resided with his wife the remainder of his life. Chandler served in the war of 1812 as a surgeon on board the privateer ship "Thom", a legalized form of naval warfare carried out by civilians and was captured by the British and spent some time in Dartmoor prison.

Chandler married Lucretia Bourne Lewis in Marblehead in 1815. As a physician he was most successful, retiring in 1849. Chandler and Lucretia had one child, Lucretia Lewis born on September 17, 1816. Chandler Died in Marblehead on September 10, 1859.



Samuel Benjamin Flagg
1828–1900

Samuel Benjamin Flagg born August 6, 1828

Dr. Samuel Benjamin Flagg (1828-1900)

Samuel Benjamin Flagg's grandfather, Samuel Flagg (born 1741), was a brother of **Eleazer Flagg (1734–1767)** of the direct paternal line, thereby making the previously discussed Chandler Flagg (1782–1859), son of Samuel Flagg, his uncle. Samuel Benjamin Flagg was born at the old Flagg homestead in Grafton, Massachusetts, on August 6, 1828. He was a lover of nature; long rambles over hill and forest were his delight, and the farm training of his boyhood left a lasting fondness for outdoor country life.

Samuel suffered from vocal trouble in his early years and initially turned to medicine as a career. He studied under Dr. Henry Parker, of his native town and attended courses and lectures at several institutions. He attended Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, receiving his undergraduate degree in 1850. He then pursued medical studies at Vermont Medical College in 1853 and at Berkshire Medical College, where he received his M.D. in 1854.

A successful course of treatment for his voice allowed him to follow his true calling. He entered the Meadville Theological School and upon completing his studies in 1858, he began his life's work in the Unitarian ministry. His first pastorate was in Kalamazoo, where, through his efforts, a church was organized. Samuel married Anna Bigelow Allcott in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on December 29, 1869. Together they had two children, Charles Allcott Flagg and George Channing Flagg.

Samuel Benjamin Flagg died in Grafton, Massachusetts, on November 16, 1900.

Eleazer Flagg born January 10, 1767 and husband of Elizabeth (Warren) Flagg

Son of Eleazer Flagg born Novermber 12, 1734

Eleazer Flagg was born on January 10, 1767. He was but one month old at the time of his father's death in George Hill in Grafton Massachusetts. His mother's second husband, Nathaniel Goddard became a part of the household and moved the family to Conway in the early 1770's. There is a vague family tradition that as a child, Eleazer was in or near Lexington on April 19, 1775, and was a witness to the historical events of that day. That day the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War took place in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Eleazer learned the trade of a cabinet maker but sustained an accidental injury which prevented his following it. Was a farmer all his life in Conway, which at the beginning of the last century was one of the most populous towns in western Massachusetts.

Married in Conway, February 2, 1793, to Elizabeth Warren, born July 17, 1770, and died May 16, 1844. Eleazer died in Conway Massachusetts, May 28, 1847.

Eleazer and Elizabeth had 12 children, their fifth child was **Eleazer Fletcher Flagg born January 8, 1800**.

18th Century Grafton, Massachusetts

During the 18th century, Grafton was a growing rural town on the western edge of early colonial settlement. Incorporated in 1735, it represented the steady expansion of families moving inland in search of land and opportunity. Much of the area was still heavily forested, and early residents were responsible for clearing fields, building homes, and establishing farms from the rugged landscape.

Life in Grafton was centered on agriculture and self-sufficiency. Families worked long hours tending crops, caring for livestock, and maintaining their property. The rocky soil and uneven terrain made farming difficult, requiring persistence and cooperation among neighbors. In addition to farming, some residents practiced trades such as milling, blacksmithing, and carpentry, helping to support the local economy.

The town operated under the authority of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, with local decisions made through town meetings and guided by strong religious and community values. The church played a central role in daily life, influencing both social structure and moral expectations.

Broader events of the century reached even small towns like Grafton. During the French and Indian War, local men served in colonial militias, and in the years that followed, growing tensions with Great Britain began to shape public sentiment. By the 1770s, communities across Massachusetts, including Grafton, were drawn into the movement that led to the American Revolution.

Life during this time was defined by hard work, strong community ties, and a gradual shift from colonial dependence toward independence. Families living in Grafton experienced both the challenges of frontier settlement and the early stages of a nation in the making.

Eleazer Fletcher Flagg born January 8, 1800 and husband of Elizabeth Turner (Burruss) Flagg

Son of Eleazer Flagg born January 10, 1767

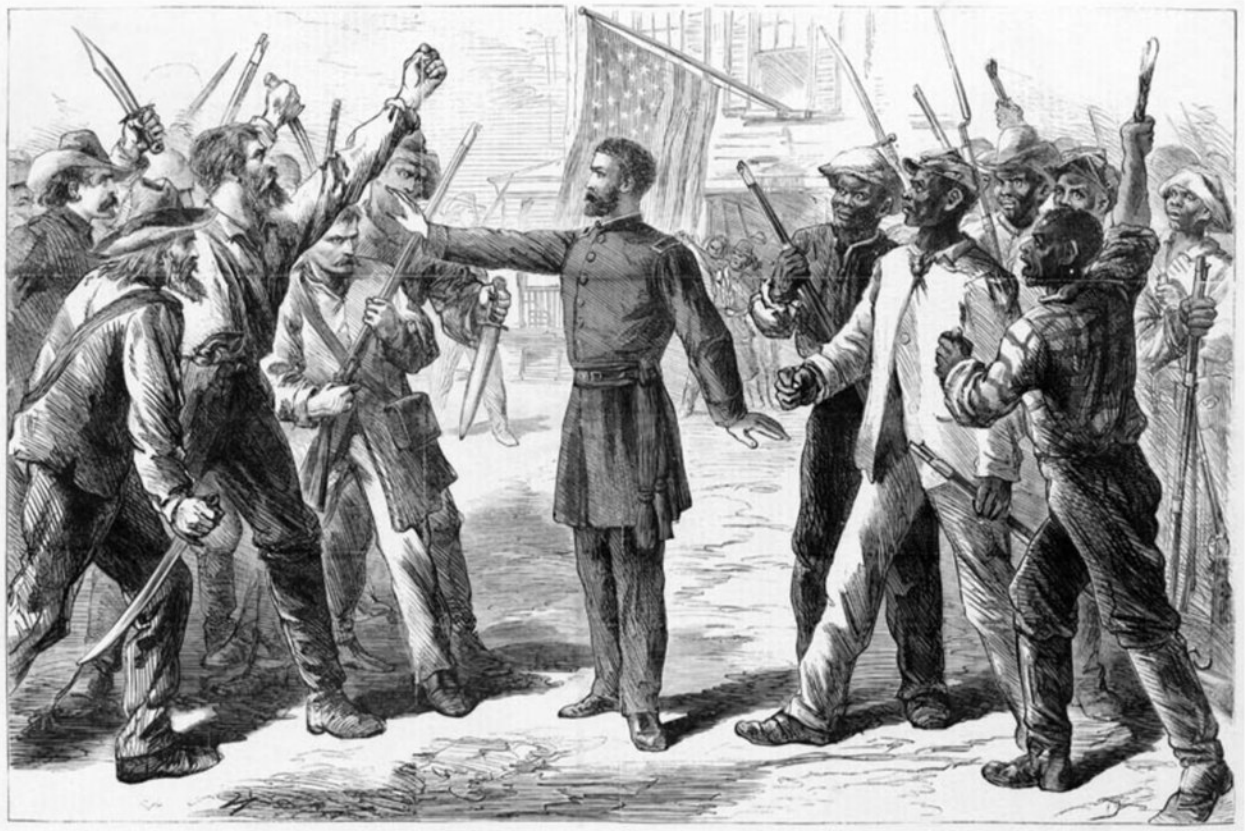
Eleazer Fletcher Flagg was born in Conway Massachusetts on January 8, 1800. He went south with his brother, Chandler, and Otis Presbrey, afterward his brother-in-law, and traveled from place to place selling merchandise; he seems to have resided permanently in the south after 1823, and eventually bought and cleared a plantation, "Deerfield", in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married at "Poplargrove", Caroline County Virginia, on December 18, 1828, to an Elizabeth Turner Burruss; born at "Poplargrove" on December 22, 1807. Though known to have been uniformly kind to his slaves, Eleazer was poisoned by his cook, who put pounded glass in some food. It was afterward ascertained that she had poisoned three previous masters. Eleazer died from the effects on September 4, 1831.

Eleazer Fletcher and Elizabeth had two sons, William Chandler born October 27, 1829, and **Eleazer Fletcher Flagg born October 5, 1831**.

19th Century Conway, Massachusetts

In the early 19th century, Conway was a rural New England town shaped primarily by small-scale agriculture, local craftsmanship, and a strong Congregational church presence. The community was largely self-sufficient, with families working hill farms that were often difficult to cultivate but deeply tied to generations of settlement. Life was marked by seasonal labor, township governance through town meetings, and a steady rhythm of religious observance. While still relatively isolated, western Massachusetts was beginning to feel the effects of early industrialization, as nearby river valleys slowly introduced mills and small manufacturing enterprises that would gradually reshape the regional economy.

In contrast, Caroline County in the early 1800s was part of the agrarian South, where life centered on plantation agriculture and a hierarchical social structure tied to land ownership and enslaved labor. The region lay between Richmond and Fredericksburg and was influenced by broader political and economic changes in post-Revolutionary Virginia. Roads were limited, travel was slow, and communities were closely connected through county courts, churches, and local markets. The economy relied heavily on tobacco and mixed farming, and daily life was shaped by both rural isolation and the expanding national economy of the young United States. By the 1830s, Virginia was experiencing growing political and economic tension that would later deepen regional divisions in the decades leading up to the Civil War.



THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.—Drawn by A. R. Waud.—[See Page 807.]

Eleazer Fletcher Flagg born on October 5, 1831 and husband of Amanda (Morris) Flagg

Son of Eleazer Flagg born on January 8, 1800

Eleazer Fletcher Flagg was born on October 5, 1831, at "Deerfield," Caroline County, Virginia. In the division of his father's property, he received the estate of "Deerfield," which he made his home. As a young man, he tried railroading with the Chesapeake and Ohio for a time, then served as superintendent of the Kanawha coal mine until 1857. During the war he was engaged in the commission business in Richmond. Though enrolled in the Virginia State Guard, he was never in active service. By 1870, according to the federal census, Eleazer listed his occupation as a farmer in Virginia, reflecting his continued stewardship of the family lands. A short time before his death, he exchanged homes with his eldest son, who was living on the adjoining estate, "Lowood."

He married Amanda Morris on December 18, 1856; she was born June 30, 1833. Eleazer died at "Lowood," in Caroline County, Virginia, on December 27, 1890.

Of Eleazer and Amanda's six children, their third child was **William Chandler, born October 2, 1861**.

Eleazer Fletcher Flagg and wife Ellen Maria (Lawrence) Flagg

Eleazer Fletcher Flagg, born March 3, 1848, in Conway Massachusetts, stands as a direct continuation of the Flagg family's long-established paternal line in New England. He was the son of Samuel Flagg, born December 3, 1804, also in Conway, and the grandson of **Eleazer Flagg, born January 10, 1767**, in Grafton. This earlier Eleazer, a member of our direct family line, relocated to Conway in his youth with his mother and stepfather, helping establish the family's presence in the hill towns of western Massachusetts. Through this unbroken line—Eleazer (1767), to Samuel (1804), to Eleazer Fletcher (1848)—the family maintained its roots across generations, adapting to the changing landscape of rural New England.

Raised in Conway, Eleazer Fletcher Flagg grew up in a community defined by agriculture, tradition, and hard work. In his early years, he followed the path common to many men of the region, working as a farmer on the rugged New England terrain. Farming in Conway required persistence and resilience, as the rocky soil and hilly land demanded both physical endurance and careful stewardship. These early experiences shaped his character and tied him closely to the land his family had occupied for decades.

In 1874, Eleazer married Ellen Maria Lawrence—also recorded in some instances as Ellen M. or "Ella" Lawrence—on May 24 in Conway. Their marriage united two established local families and marked the beginning of a new household that would continue the Flagg name into the next generation. Together, Eleazer and Ellen had three children, all born in Conway, further anchoring the family's presence in the town.

By 1876, Eleazer had transitioned from farming to a skilled trade, becoming a stone and brick mason. This change reflected the broader economic shifts occurring in New England during the late 19th century, as traditional agriculture gradually gave way to more specialized labor and craftsmanship. As a mason, Eleazer contributed to the physical development of his community, working with the very materials that defined the region's architecture—stone foundations, chimneys, and brick structures that would endure long after his time.

Throughout his life, Eleazer Fletcher Flagg remained rooted in Conway, embodying the values of perseverance, adaptability, and continuity that defined his ancestors. His story represents not only the life of one man, but the enduring legacy of a family that spanned generations—from its earlier beginnings in Grafton to its lasting presence in the hills of western Massachusetts.

William Chandler Flagg born October 2, 1861 and husband of Enodia (Dandridge) Flagg

Son of Eleazer Fletecher Flagg born Octobe 5, 1831

William Chandler Flagg was born at “Deerfield,” Caroline County, Virginia, on October 2, 1861. He was a student at Richmond College from 1876 to 1879 and then attended the Medical College of Virginia for two years, receiving his M.D. degree in 1882. He went at once to reside on the family estate of “Deerfield,” where, in addition to maintaining a large and active medical practice, he managed a farm of some 300 acres.

By the time of his marriage, William was already established in his profession. The marriage registry of Caroline County, Virginia, dated December 1886, records that he was twenty-six years of age and practicing as a physician. On December 29, 1886, at Carmel Baptist Church in Caroline County, he married Enodia Dandridge, who was then eighteen years old, having been born January 11, 1869.

The 1900 United States Census records Dr. Flagg as a physician residing in Caroline County, Virginia, confirming both his profession and continued connection to his home community at the turn of the twentieth century. The same census reflects the structure of his household at “Deerfield,” listing two African American female servants: a seventeen-year-old nurse and a thirty-year-old cook. Their presence illustrates the domestic arrangements typical of a prosperous rural Virginia household in that era, particularly one supported by both a substantial farm and an active medical practice. William died from a brief illness at his home in Ruther Glen Virginia on February 10, 1909.

Of their five children, William Chandler and Enodia had a son, **William Dandridge Flagg, born on March 13, 1889**.

"THE LATE DR. WM. FLAGG

Entered into rest on February 10th, at 5:30om a.m., Dr Wm. Chandler Flagg. In the48th year of his age. Dr. Flagg was greatly beloved in his community, where he will be sorely missed, both as a physician and socially. Though his health had been failing for some time, still would always have a cheery smile and bright word for his friend whenever he met them. Even after he became ill, at the urgent call of an old friend begot up and went, this showing his unselfishness and thought of others to the end. Dr. Flagg was a consistent member of Mt. Carmel church, which he had attended regularly since his early boyhood, when he joined it. Whenever his professional visits allowed, one would always find him in his accustomed seat in the choir, where he met his sweet voice will be missed. He was a son of the late E.F. Flagg and Amanda Morris, his wife. He married Miss Enodia Dandridge, daughter of late Wm G. Dandridge, of Richmond. Dr Flagg was a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia in the eighties. He leaves his wife, five sons and two brothers to mourn his loss, as well as his hosts of friends.

One of His Friends"

"DR. William C. Flagg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
Bowling Green, Va., February 10. Dr William C. Flagg died this morning at half past 5 o'clock at his home near Ruther Glen, after a brief illness. Dr. Flagg was in his fifty-fourth year of his age, He survived by his wife, who was before her marriage Miss Enodia Dandridge, daughter of the late William G. Dandridge, of Richmond, and also six children."

"FLAGG.-Died, at his home, near Rutherglen, Caroline County, Virginia, February the 10th, at 5:20 a.m., DR W. C. FLAGG. The remains will be taken to Hollywood from Main Street depot on arrival of 12:15 P.M. train THURSDAY, the 11th. Services at the grave."

WILLIAM C. FLAGG.
Born Oct. 2, 1861.
Died Feb. 10, 1909.

EUODIA DANDRIDGE FLAGG
GEORGE.
Born Jun. 11, 1869.
Died Nov. 8, 1932.

William Dandridge Flagg born March 13, 1889, and husband of Moody (Dorough) Flagg

Son of William Chandler Flagg born on October 2, 1861

William was born in Richmond Virginia. In a 1910 Galveston County census, his mother, Enodia Flagg, listed young William's occupation as a retail grocery merchant—an early indication of responsibility and industriousness.

By age twenty-eight, on an earlier military registration card, William described his present trade as working in the "education department" and gave his location as Moonshine Hill, Texas. Moonshine Hill, located about 20 miles NE of downtown Houston, was established as a major boomtown in 1905, though its roots in the oil and gas industry began a bit earlier.

As the Texas oil industry expanded, William's career followed its growth. In the 1930 census, he reported working as a foreman in an oil field. A decade later, in the 1940 census, he listed his occupation as an oil field pumper. By 1950, he had advanced to working as an oil field gauger for an oil company, a position of technical trust responsible for measuring and reporting production.

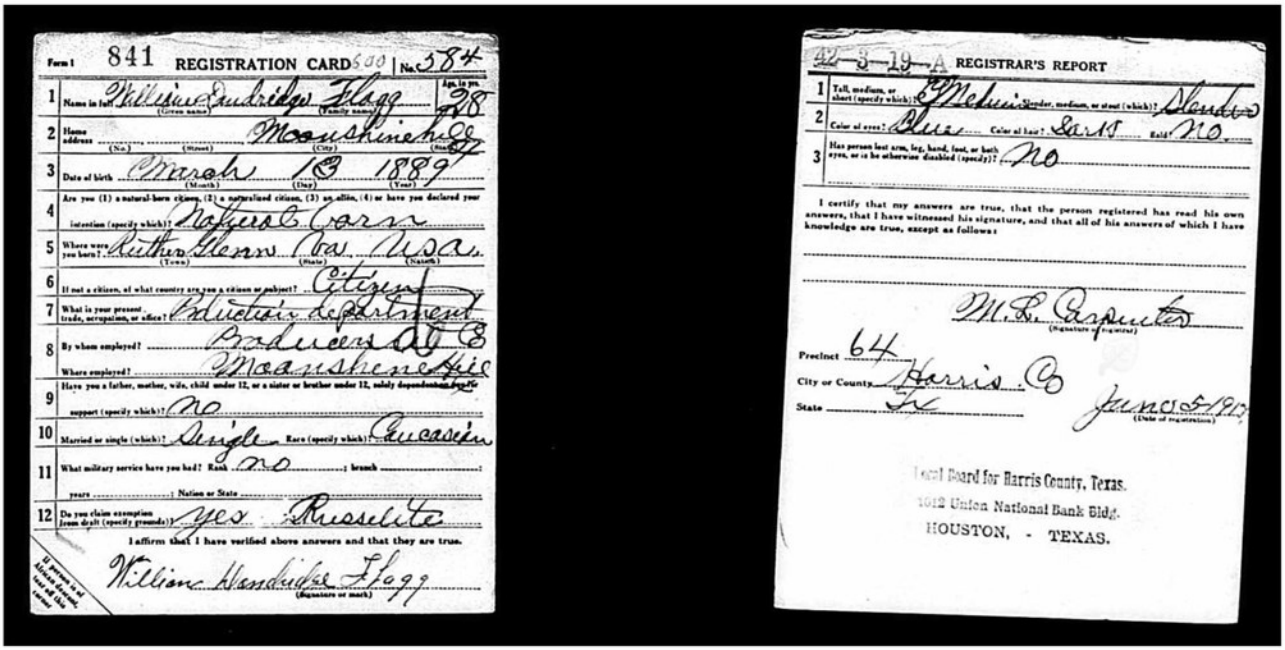
A later military registration card, completed when he was fifty-three years old (born March 13, 1889), lists his employer as Texas Progress Oil Company in Houston, with his place of employment noted as the Magnet Oil Field. These records collectively trace a clear vocational arc—from retail trade to education work, and ultimately into the skilled ranks of Texas oil field operations.

William was part of the generation that saw the family transition from the agricultural "yeoman" lifestyle of the 1800s into the industrial and petroleum-driven economy of twentieth-century Texas. Their story reflects the broader migration of opportunity-seeking families—beginning with Thomas Flagg in Massachusetts in 1621 and eventually flourishing in the heart of Texas by the 1900s.

William died from Pneumonia on November 24, 1966 at Oak Manor Rest Home in Boling Texas.

William and Moody had three children: **William Dandridge Flagg, born January 6, 1921**, Neal Flagg, and Elsie Flagg.

William Dandridge Flagg and wife Moody C Dorough



Form 1 841 REGISTRATION CARD 500 No. 384

1. Name in full: William Dandridge Flagg (Given name) (Family name) — Age in yrs.: 38
2. Home address: (No.) (Street) Moonshine Hill (City) (State)
3. Date of birth: March (Month) 13 (Day) 1889 (Year)
4. Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural Born Citizen
5. Where were you born? Luther Glenn (Town) Va. (State) USA. (Nation)
6. If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Citizen
7. What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Electrician Department
8. By whom employed? Producers Oil Co. Where employed? Moonshine Hill
9. Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent upon you for support (specify which)? No
10. Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which): Caucasian
11. What military service have you had? Rank: No; branch: ; years: ; Nation or State:
12. Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? Yes Physically

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

William Dandridge Flagg (Signature or mark)

If person is unable to sign, witness must write name and address.

42-3-19-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1. Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Medium Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Slender
2. Color of eyes? Blue Color of hair? Dark Bald? No.
3. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? No

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

M. R. Carpenter (Signature of registrar)

Precinct 64
City or County Harris Co.
State Texas
June 5 1917 (Date of registration)

Local Board for Harris County, Texas.
1012 Union National Bank Bldg.
HOUSTON, - TEXAS.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER: U 2158

1. NAME (Print): WILLIAM (First) DANDRIDGE (Middle) FLAGG (Last) — Flagg

ORDER NUMBER:

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print): LANE CITY (Number and street) - WHARTON (Town, township, village, or city) - TEX (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS: Same

[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]

4. TELEPHONE (Exchange) (Number):

5. AGE IN YEARS: 53

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 (Mo.) 13 (Day) 1889 (Yr.)

6. PLACE OF BIRTH: Luther Glen (Town or county) Virginia (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Mrs W. D. Flagg Lane City Texas

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Texas Empress Oil Co Houston

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Magnet Oil Field (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

W. D. Flagg (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16—21630-2

William Dandridge Flagg born on January 6, 1921 and husband of Margaret Inez (Solomon) Flagg

Son of William Dandridge Flagg March 13, 1889

William Dandridge Flagg Jr. (1921–1996) lived a life that reflected both the turbulence and opportunity of mid-twentieth-century America. Born in 1921 in West Columbia, Texas, to William Dandridge Flagg Sr. and Moody Dorough Flagg, he came of age during the Great Depression in a family that carried deep New England roots but had long since established itself in the South.

By 1937, at just sixteen years old, William was a freshman at Harlingen High School in Harlingen, Texas. A surviving yearbook from that year captures him as a member of the Travel Club and includes his photograph—an image of a young man on the threshold of adulthood. His sister, Elsie, was listed that same year as a sophomore. Three years later, the 1940 United States Census records nineteen-year-old William living in Cameron, Texas, where he was still attending high school, completing his education as war loomed abroad.

On February 16, 1942, at the age of twenty-one, William filled out his World War II draft registration card, listing his employment with Consolidated Aircraft in San Diego, California. This move placed him within the rapidly expanding American defense industry, contributing to aircraft production vital to the war effort.

His commitment soon extended beyond civilian industry into military service. A Naval Reserve register dated January 1, 1943, lists William holding the rank of Midshipman. By July 1, 1944, a Navy and Reserve Officers Military Register recorded him as an Ensign in the United States Navy Reserve, classification E-M. During World War II, he served aboard the USS Lowndes, an attack transport responsible for landing troops and equipment during some of the Pacific Theater's most pivotal operations. The Lowndes participated in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, delivering soldiers, Marines, and essential matériel to contested shores under combat conditions.

William's leadership training continued as the war progressed. A muster roll dated July 1 to July 31, 1945, lists him with the U.S. Marine Corps, Seventh Battalion, Platoon Commanders' School, reflecting advanced instruction in command and tactical operations near the war's conclusion. His steady advancement in rank and responsibility demonstrated both capability and dedication. By April 1, 1951, a Select Military Register shows him serving as a Lieutenant (junior grade) in the U.S. Navy Reserve, marking his continued service commitment after the war had ended.

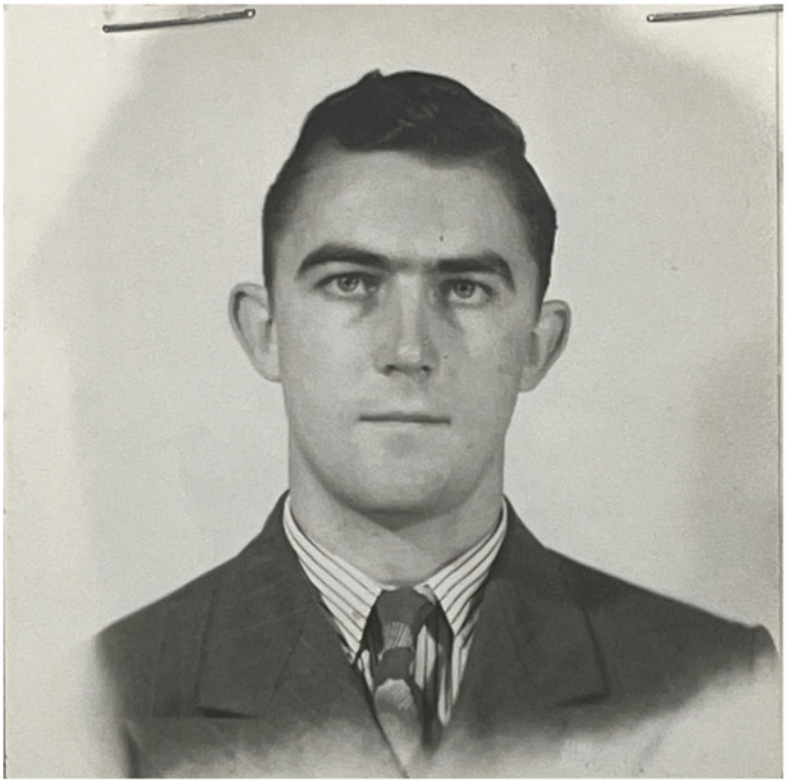
Amid these years of duty and transition, William built his personal life. On May 29, 1948, he married Margaret Inez Solomon, beginning a partnership that would endure for nearly five decades. Together they established their home in Texas, where William increasingly focused on civilian industry while maintaining his Reserve commission.

By 1950, as recorded in the United States Census, William identified his occupation as a machinist mechanic for a sulfur company—work that placed him squarely within the industrial backbone of the Texas Gulf Coast. The sulfur industry was vital to the regional economy, and skilled machinists like William were essential in maintaining and repairing the heavy machinery that powered extraction and processing operations. His mechanical aptitude, discipline, and reliability—strengthened through defense-industry work and wartime naval service—served him well in this demanding field.

William ultimately spent nearly forty years as a skilled machinist for Texas Gulf Inc., retiring in 1982. His long tenure reflected technical expertise, loyalty, and perseverance—qualities that defined both his professional and personal life. A devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Wharton, he was a pillar of his community and a dedicated family man. He and Margaret welcomed their children, including Sherrie Ann and **Dan Flagg, born April 3, 1950**, continuing the family's legacy into a new generation.

William Dandridge Flagg Jr. passed away on September 4, 1996, in Wharton Texas, and was laid to rest in Evergreen Memorial Park. His life—spanning the Depression, the global conflict of World War II, and the industrial expansion of postwar Texas—stands as a testament to duty, craftsmanship, and enduring devotion to family and country.

1937 Harlingen High School year book
William Dandridge Flagg
Top row, 6th from the left



William Dandridge Flagg Age 21 - 1942
U.S. Navy Reserve

William Dandridge Flagg - Age 23 - 1944
U.S. Navy Reserve

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
T 2622	William Dandridge Flagg, Jr. (First) (Middle) (Last)	T 10866

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)

1460 C St. San Diego, S.D. Cal.
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

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(Exchange) (Number)	DATE OF BIRTH: Jan. (Mo.) 6 (Day) 1921 (Yr.)	Texas (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

W. D. Flagg, Box 48 Lane City, Texas

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

Con' Aircraft Co. San Diego, Cal.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

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(Registrant's signature)

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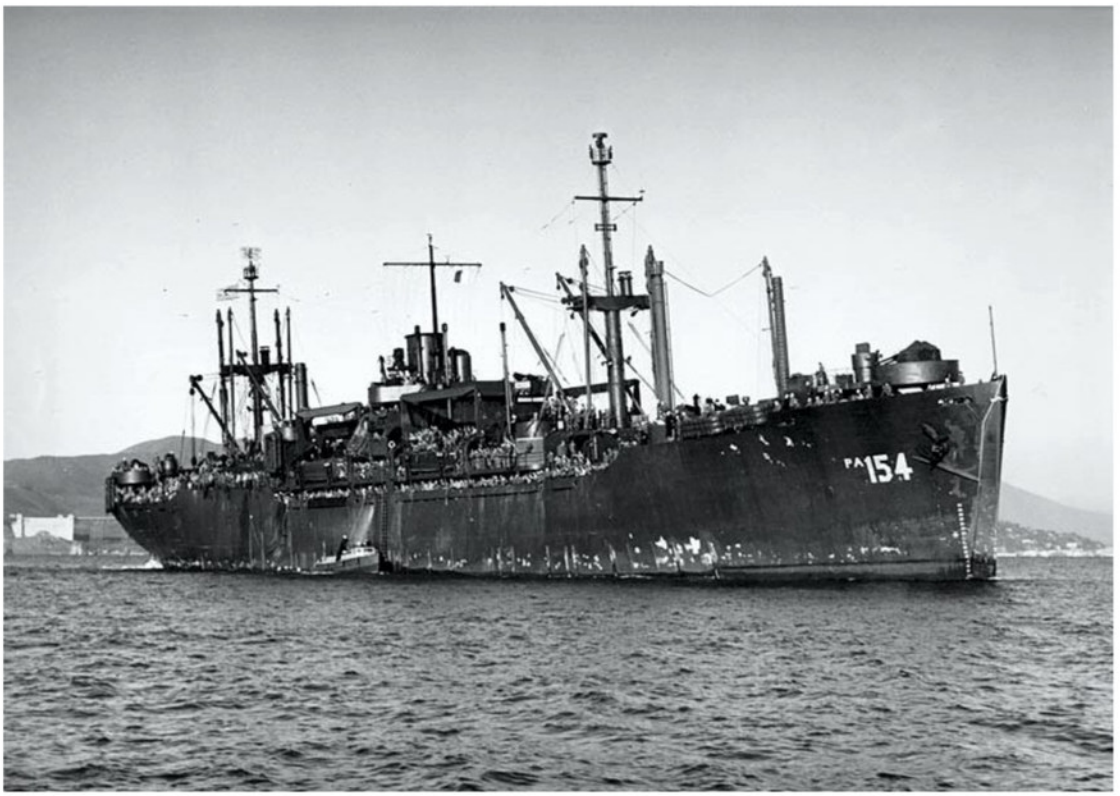

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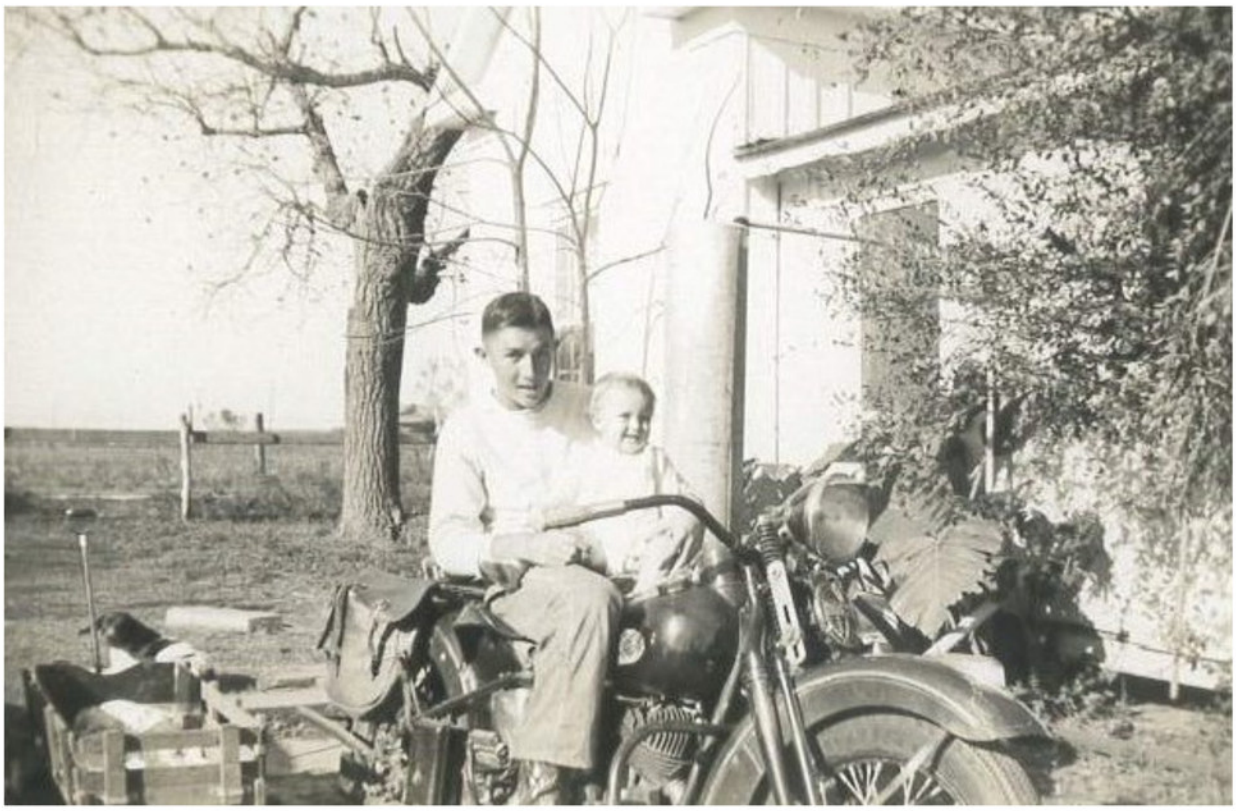


TRAILRIDERS
TO COUNTYSEAT

Margaret Inez Flagg and William Dandridge Flagg

Margaret Inez Flagg - W.D. Flagg - Dan Morris Flagg

Margaret Inez Flagg and William Dandridge Flagg

William Dandridge Flagg (left) and son Dan Morris Flagg (right)

William Dandridge Flagg
1947

"WILLIAM FLAGG JR.
WHARTON - WILLIAM DANDRIDGE Flagg Jr., 75, of Wharton died Wednesday, September 4, 1996.
He was born Jan. 6. 1921, in West Columbia to the late William Dandridge Sr., and Moody C Dorough Flagg. He attended Kingspoint Merchant Marine Academy in New York and served in the US, Navy in 1944. Mr Flagg retired in 1982 from Texas Gulf Inc., where he was a machinest. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Wharton.
Survivors: wife, Margaret Inez Flagg; daughter, Sherrie Ann Hardin of El Campo; son, Dan Morris Flagg of Sugar Land; sister, Elsie McLean of Pasadena; brother, Neal Flagg of Victoria; and four grandchildren.
Services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Wharton Funeral Home chapel, the Rev. Joe McCammon officiating.
Burial will be held at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetary. Wharton Funeral Home, Wharton, (409) 532-3410.
Pallbearers: Henry Flagg Jr., LeRoy Slacalek, Andy Slacalek, Pickett Dorough, Samuel Hardin, Fortis Fittings, Henry Wobbe, Wayne Flagg and Conney Dorough.
Memorials: First Baptist Church, 507 N. Fulton, Wharton 77488."

Dan Morris Flagg born on April 3, 1950 and husband to the late Carolyn Elaine Theiss. Remarried to Sandra Kaye (Hathaway) Flagg.

Son of William Dandridge Flagg born January 6. 1921

Carolyn E. (Theiss) Flagg and Dan M. Flagg

Sandra Kaye (Hathaway) Flagg and Dan M. Flagg

Dan Morris Flagg was born on April 3, 1950, in New Gulf, Texas. He attended New Gulf Elementary, Iago Middle School, and Boling High School. From 1968 to 1971, he studied at Wharton County Junior College, then continued his education at Southwest Texas State University from 1971 to 1973. In 1973, he answered a calling that would define much of his life when he entered the Austin Police Academy.

Dan's career in law enforcement began with the Austin Police Department from 1973 to 1975, followed by service with the Wharton County Sheriff's Office from 1975 to 1976 and the Wharton Police Department from 1976 to 1980. Eventually, he and his family moved to Sugar Land, Texas, where he joined the Missouri City Police Department. There, for more than 31 years, he served with distinction in a profession that demands courage, integrity, and compassion. He completed his law enforcement career with the Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Constable's Office, closing out more than 38 years of service to his community.

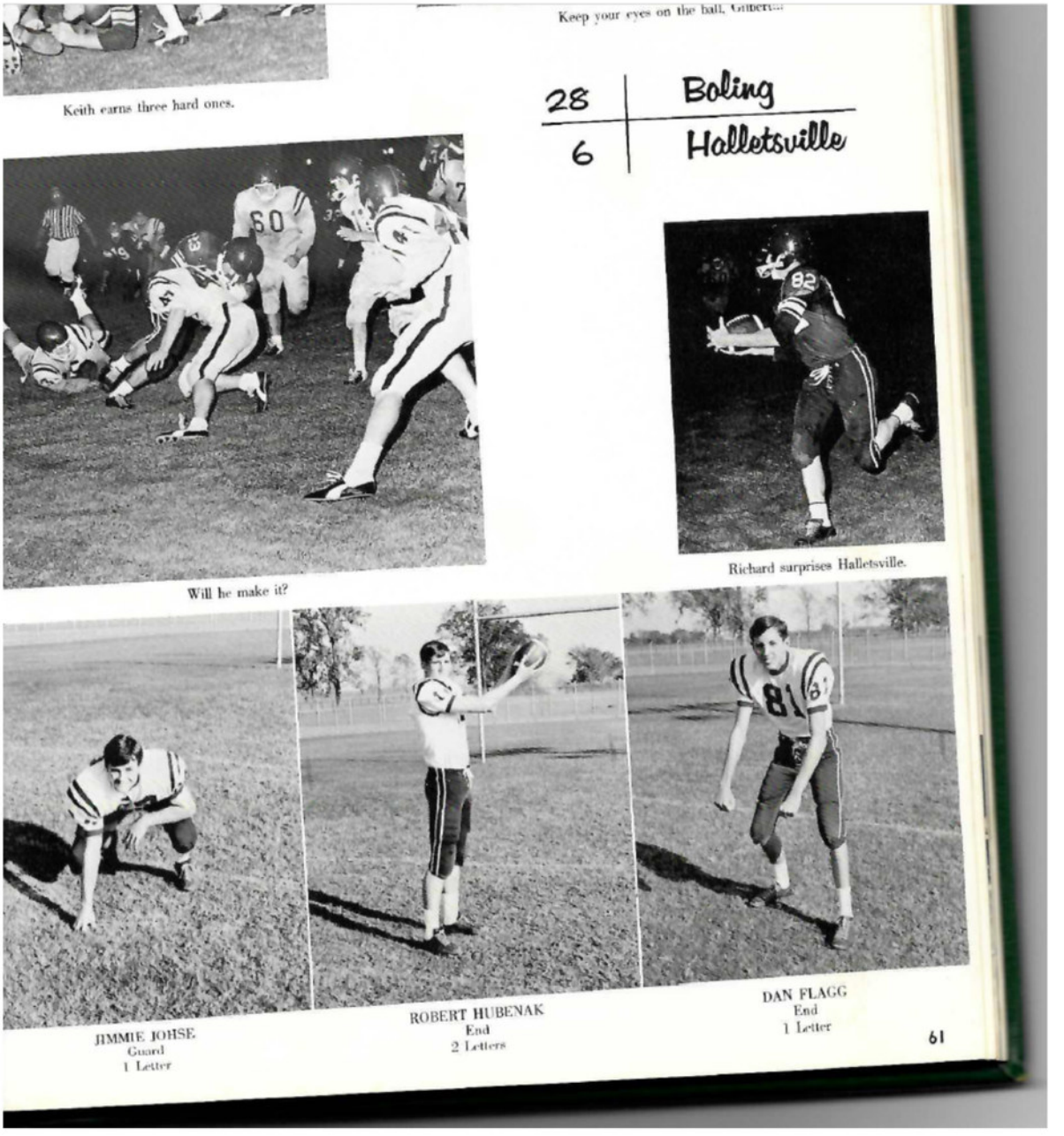
Over the course of his career, Dan held many roles: police officer, field training officer, corporal, acting sergeant, warrant officer, and community liaison officer. Each position reflected his versatility and commitment, but it was as community liaison that his heart for people—especially children—shone brightest. He became the direct link between the department and homeowners associations, crime watch groups, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, and the police and fire auxiliary. He organized the annual Citizens Police and Fire Academy, coordinated the Child ID program by fingerprinting children and providing families with identification cards, and supported initiatives such as "Are You OK?", community crime watch, auto theft prevention, and home and business security inspections.

Perhaps his most meaningful legacy was his leadership of the "I Choose to Follow the Rules" program. Rather than seeking the easiest path, Dan chose to serve in Title I elementary schools—reaching children who often faced economic hardship, bullying, gangs, drugs, and violence at an early age.
He stood before tough audiences and offered something powerful: positive alternatives, steady guidance, and a living example of integrity.

In addition to his civilian service, Dan served honorably in the United States Army National Guard Reserve from 1971 to 1994 as a military policeman. For 23 years, he balanced military and community service, earning an honorable discharge in 1994. His commitment to duty extended beyond a job, it was a lifelong devotion to protecting and serving others.

Beyond the uniform, Dan was a devoted husband and father. He was first married to Carolyn Elaine Flagg, who passed in 2015. Together they raised two children, Jennifer Lynn Flagg born August 17, 1976, and **Steven Lynn Flagg born January 4, 1981**, instilling in them the same values of perseverance, loyalty, and service that guided his own life. He later found companionship and partnership with Sandra Kaye Hathaway, born May 21, 1957, with whom he is sharing the later chapters of his journey.

Dan's life is marked not only by the positions he held, but by the character he demonstrated—steady, compassionate, and principled. He believed in doing the hard work, in showing up for his community, and in standing as a quiet but powerful example of what one life devoted to service can accomplish.



Dan M. Flagg #81, Senior Year
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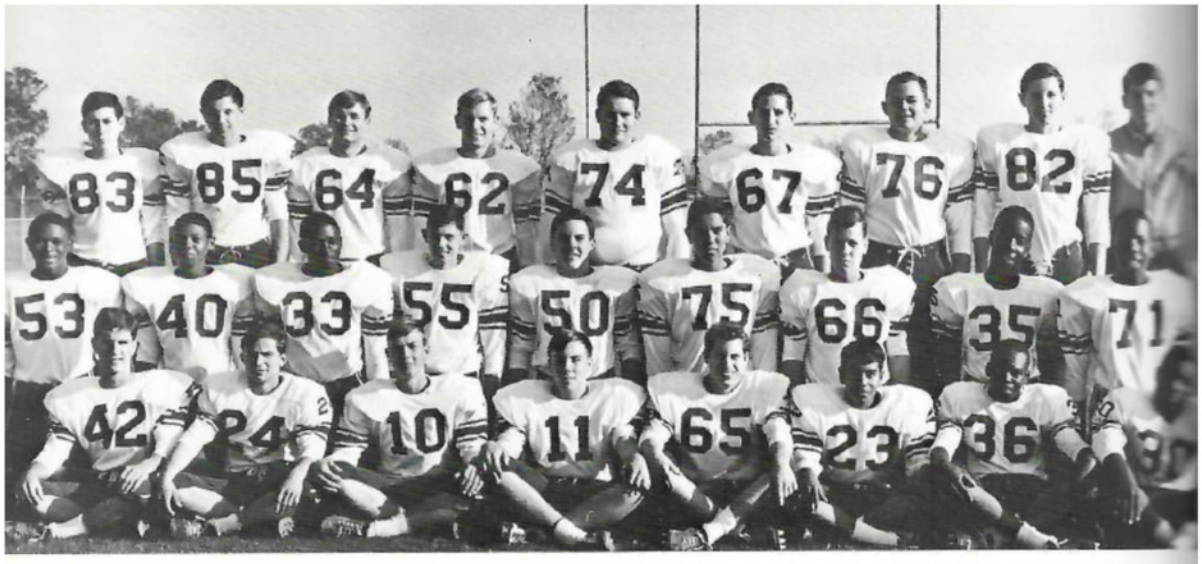

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Dan M. Flagg #82
B Team

Seniors

FRONT ROW: J. Johse, R. See, L. Krushall, B. Burrow, E. Pospisil, G. Kocian, L. Murray BACK ROW: D. Calvo, R. Senf, M. Lemons, R. Gonzales, G. Sanchez, D. Flagg, D. King

Dan M. Flagg #81

Dan M. Flagg - U.S. Army National Gaurd Reserve

Dan M. Flagg - Missouri City Police Department - 2009

Steven L. Flagg (left) and Dan M. Flagg (right) - 2020

Flaggs's Forum

Back-to-school safety list

Officer Dan Flagg

M.C. Police Department

While the heat is still with us, the vacation days of summer are a memory for most of us and school is back in session. Hete is a "hack-to-school" checklist:

Please watch for school bus stop signs or their red flashing lights that WARN you and your vehicle to come to a full and complete stop as students get on or off the bus.

As you hurry to work, school, or are en route to your day's errands, please be mindful of school speed zones that let you know at just what times of day you are asked to SLOW DOWN for student walkers and related traffic.

If you are a parent, who works outside the home, it's a great idea to have your child or teen give you (or vice versa) a quick after school check-in call to let you know their plans and whereabouts. It's also a great way to show you care!

With the shadows of Columbine still haunt us, keep in mind it's NOT an invasion of privacy to visit your child's room, ask to see their school work, or simply pay close attention to what's in their backpacks or on the walls of their rooms.

Most importantly, with all that's on our minds in this busy world, it is most important to be alert to what's right in front of us!

Margaret Inez (Solomon) Flagg - Dan Morris Flagg - William Dandridge Flagg

Steven Lynn Flagg born January 4, 1981

Son of Dan M. Flagg born April 3, 1950

As the twelfth male Flagg of this line, I was born in Wharton, Texas, and raised in Sugar Land, where I built my life on a foundation of curiosity and service. I attended Sugar Mill Elementary, Sugar Land Middle School, and graduated from Kempner High School in 2000. During those early years, I developed a passion for classic cars, which eventually led me into the automotive industry.

After graduating, I began working as a mechanic at Central Ford in Houston, Texas. There, I spent several years sharpening my technical skills and developing a strong work ethic. In 2008, I made the decision to pursue a career in law enforcement. I enrolled in the Alvin Community College Police Academy and graduated in December of that year. Shortly after, in February 2009, I was hired by the City of Stafford as a police officer.

Throughout my career, I served in several roles, including Field Training Officer and Accident Investigator, before being promoted to Detective in 2020. In 2023, I transitioned to the Stafford Fire Marshal's Office as a Deputy Fire Marshal, where I now specialize in fire investigations and fire protection system inspections.

I am a devoted father to my daughter, Amara Ellouise Arboladura, who was born on November 28, 2022. Her mother is Irene Arboladura. Currently unmarried, I reside in Houston near NRG Stadium. Outside of my professional life, I find balance in the outdoors, especially through hiking and kayaking.

Steven L. Flagg and Amara E. Arboladura

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Steven L. Flagg and Dan M. Flagg

Daughter - Amara Ellouise Arboladura

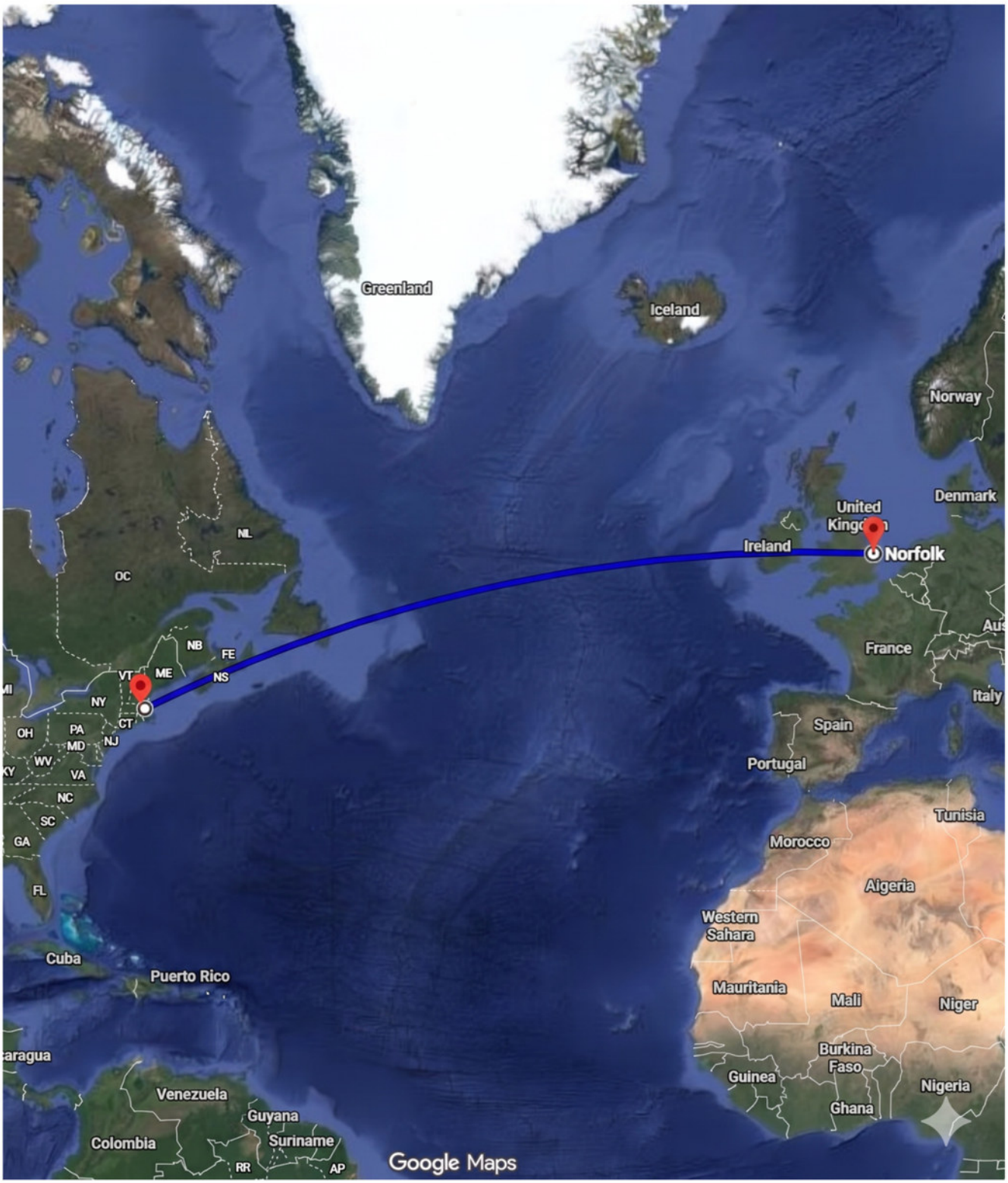
Sister - Jennifer Lynn (Flagg) Dees

Migration of the Flagg Family Line (17th–21st Centuries)

This section follows the movement of this Flagg family across generations, as shown on the accompanying maps. Each step reflects a father-to-son journey, gradually expanding from England into Massachusetts then south into Virginia, and finally west into Texas.

17th Century: From England to Early Massachusetts

The story begins with Thomas Flegg born 1621, who left Norfolk and crossed the Atlantic to settle in Watertown, Massachusetts. This marked the family's arrival in early colonial America.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Thomas Flegg's son, Eleazer Flegg born 1653, was born in Watertown and later moved a short distance west to Concord, Massachusetts, continuing the family's presence in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Late 17th to 18th Century: Establishing Roots in Massachusetts

For several generations, the family remained in Massachusetts:

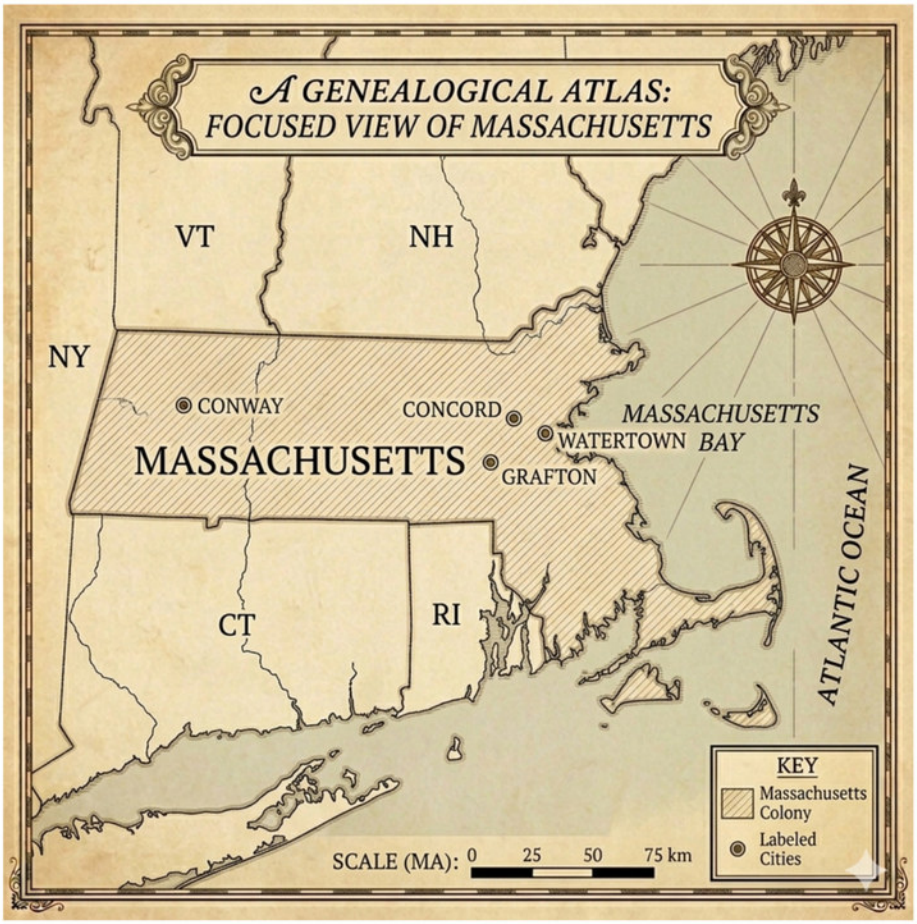
Eleazer Flegg born 1687, lived and died in Concord.
Eleazer Flagg born 1709, was born in Concord later moved west to Grafton, Massachusetts.
Eleazer Flagg born 1734, lived his life in Grafton.

During this period, the family's movement was gradual and local, reflecting the steady expansion of colonial settlements inland.

Late 18th to Early 19th Century: Moving Within New England and South to Virginia

Eleazer Flagg born 1767, was born in Grafton and continued westward within Massachusetts to Conway, Massachusetts.

His son, Eleazer Fletcher Flagg born 1800, made a more significant move—leaving New England entirely and relocating south to Caroline County, Virginia (Deerfield area). This marked a major shift in the family's geographic path.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A GENEALOGICAL ATLAS:
FOCUSED VIEW OF VIRGINIA
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19th Century: Expansion Across Virginia

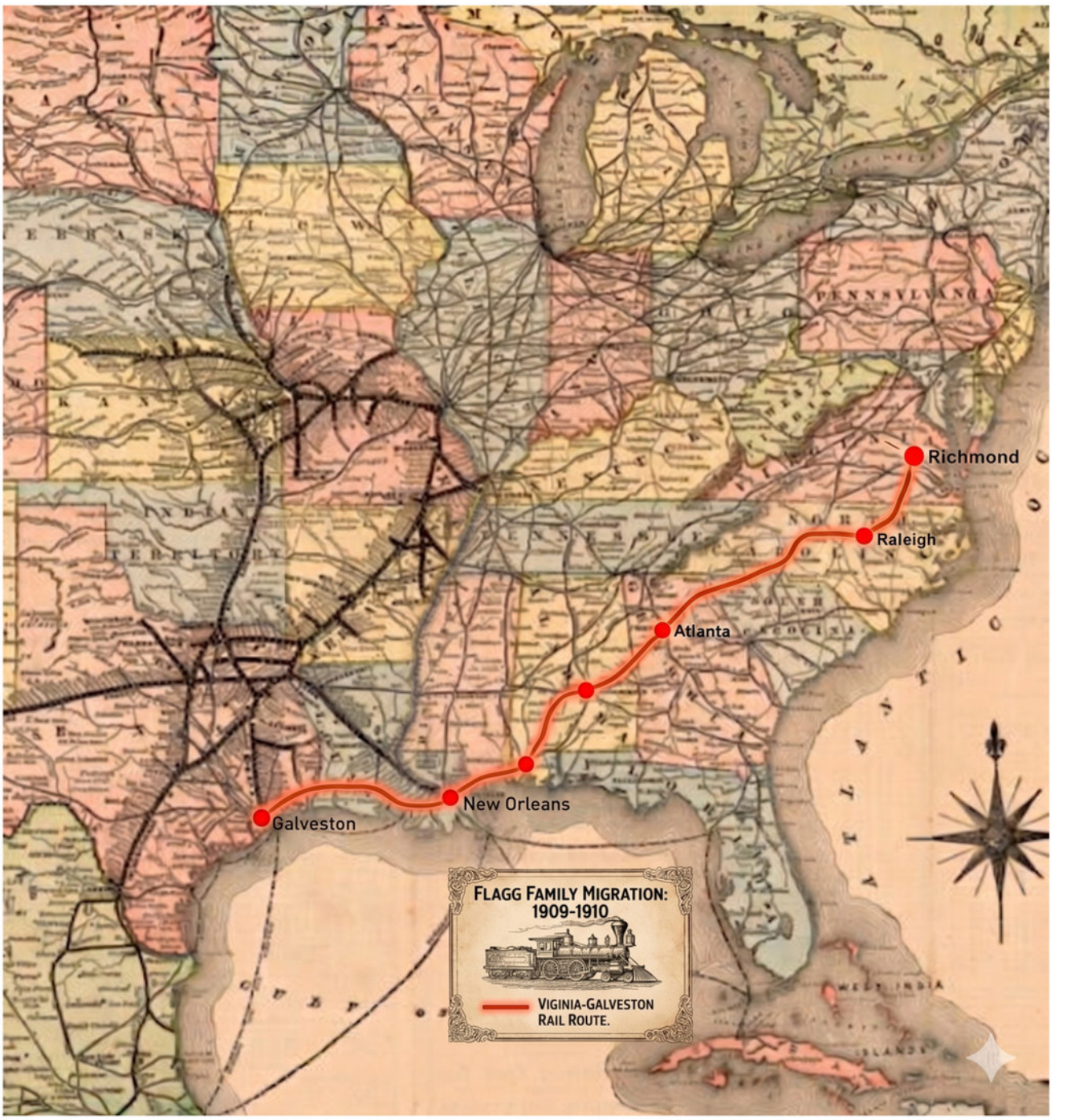
The next generations remained in Virginia but moved within the region:

Eleazer Flagg born 1831, was born in Deerfield and later traveled to Richmond, Virginia, later returning to Caroline County (Lowood).
William Chandler Flagg born 1861, was born in Caroline County, later passing in Ruther Glen, Virginia.

These movements reflect a period of regional stability, with the family centered in eastern Virginia.

Late 19th to 21st Century: Migration to Texas

The transition of the Flagg lineage from Virginia to Texas was a journey born of both tragedy and maternal resolve. The family's presence in the South began a new chapter following the death of William Chandler Flagg born 1861, who passed away in 1909 in Ruther Glen, Virginia.



In the wake of this loss, his widow, Enodia Flagg, made the monumental decision to move her family westward. Traveling with her children—including her son **William Dandridge Flagg born 1889**—Enodia navigated the cross-country journey, most likely by railroad, to Galveston County, Texas. Their arrival is officially marked by the 1910 Federal Census, which lists the family in Galveston County just months after their departure from Virginia. It was Enodia's decision to relocate that established the Flagg family in Texas, where the lineage has remained for over a century.

William Dandridge Flagg born 1889, first settled in the oil-boom community of Moonshine Hill, Texas (near Houston). He later moved the family to Boling, Texas, where he eventually passed away.

Generations in the Lone Star State

From this point forward, the family's history became deeply intertwined with Texas:

William Dandridge Flagg born 1921, was born in West Columbus, raised in Harlingen, Cameron County, and later resided in Wharton.

Dan Morris Flagg born 1950, was born in New Gulf, later living in Sugar Land, Missouri City, Ledbetter, and is currently residing in Richmond Texas.

I, Steven Lynn Flagg born 1981, was born in Wharton, and have resided in Sugar Land and Missouri City, and currently live in Houston at the time of this writing.

Flagg Men in Times of War

Eleazer Flagg 1653

Born in 1653 in Watertown, Eleazer Flagg came of age during the turmoil of King Philip's War, one of the deadliest conflicts in early American history. As native and colonial forces fought across New England, young men throughout Massachusetts were called to defend frontier settlements and local communities. It is believed that Eleazer served in the colonial militia during the war, standing alongside fellow Massachusetts colonists during a time of fear, uncertainty, and constant danger. His generation helped secure the survival of the early New England colonies during a defining moment in colonial American history.

Eleazer Flagg 1767

Born in 1767 in colonial Massachusetts, Eleazer Flagg was said to have witnessed the events at or near Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. That morning, British troops marched from Boston to seize colonial military supplies, only to be met by local militia on the Lexington Green. The first shots of the American Revolution were fired there before fighting spread along the road to Concord and back toward Boston. Though still a child at the time, Eleazer would have witnessed the fear, confusion, and determination that marked the beginning of America’s fight for independence. The events of that historic day forever changed Massachusetts and the future of the American colonies.

Eleazer Flagg 1831

Born in 1831, Eleazer Flagg lived through the turmoil of the American Civil War, a conflict that divided the nation and devastated much of the south. Before the war, he worked in the railroad and coal industries, serving for a time as superintendent of the Kanawha coal mine. During the war years, Eleazer was engaged in the commission business in Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy and one of the most important cities of the southern war effort. Eleazer worked as a merchant or agent handling the sale and shipment of goods for others, likely to help move supplies or agricultural products during wartime conditions. Though enrolled in the Virginia State Guard, there is no evidence to suggest he was ever called into active military service. Following the war and the hardships of reconstruction, Eleazer returned to farming in Virginia, continuing the stewardship of the family lands through one of the most difficult periods in American history.

William Dandridge Flagg 1921

Born in 1921, William Dandridge Flagg served during World War II as an officer in the United States Navy Reserve. A Naval Reserve Register dated January 1, 1943, listed him as a Midshipman, and by July 1, 1944, he had earned the rank of Ensign. During the war, he served aboard the USS Lowndes, an attack transport responsible for carrying troops, equipment, and supplies into some of the Pacific Theater's fiercest combat zones. The Lowndes took part in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, two of the most significant and costly battles of the war against Japan. Amid dangerous amphibious assaults and relentless combat conditions, William and his fellow sailors helped support the allied campaign that ultimately led to victory in the Pacific and the end of World War II.

Descendants of the Flagg Line

Thomas Flegg (1621-1697/98), about 77 years

Children:
1. Gershom born 1641
2. John born 1643
3. Bartholomew born 1644/45
4. Thomas born 1646
5. William born about 1648
6. Michael born 1650/51
7. Eleazer Flagg born 1653
8. Elizabeth born 1654/55
9. Mary born 1656/57
10. Rebecca born 1660
11. Benjamin born 1662
12. Allen born 1665

Eleazer Flegg (1653-1722), 68 years

Children:
1. Deborah born 1677
2. Abigail born 1679/80
3. Eleazer born about 1687
4. Priscilla (unknown birthday)
5. Joseph (unknown birthday)

Eleazer Flegg (1687-1745), 59 years

Children:
1. Eleazer Flegg born 1709
2. Nathan Flegg (unknown birthday)

3. Robert born 1713
4. Nathaniel born 1716
5. Deborah born 1718/19
6. James born 1723
7. Jonathan born 1725/26
8. Abigail born 1728/29
9. Elizabeth born 1728/29

Eleazer Flagg born (1709-1771), 61 years

Children:
1. Huldah born 1732
2. Eleazer Flagg born 1734
3. Simon born 1736
4. John born 1737
5. Mary born 1740
6. Samuel born 1741
7. Submit born 1744

Eleazer Flagg (1734-1767), 32 years

Children:
1. Sarah born 1764
2. Eleazer born 1767

Eleazer Flagg (1767-1847), 80 years

Children:
1. Daughter deceased at birth 1793
2. Chandler born 1794
3. Elizabeth born 1796
4. Lura born 1798

5. Eleazer Fletcher Flagg born 1800
6. Sarah born 1801
7. Fidelia born 1803
8. Samuel born 1804
9. Jeremiah born 1807
10. Marinda born 1809
11. Tabitha born 1811
12. Eusebia Naville born 1815

Eleazer Fletcher Flagg (1800-1831), 31 years

Children:
1. William Chandler born 1829
2. Eleazer Fletcher born 1831

Eleazer Fletcher Flagg (1831-1890), 59 years

Children:
1. James Hunter born 1857
2. Carroll Hansford born 1858
3. William Chandler born 1861
4. Morris Porter born 1863
5. Payton Bailey born 1865
6. Eleazer Fletcher born 1870

William Chandler Flagg (1861-1909), 47 years

Children:
1. William Dandridge Flagg born 1889
2. Carroll Hansford born 1890
3. Hugh Early born 1892
4. Henry Wilkinson born 1897
5. William Chandler born 1899

William Dandridge Flagg (1889-1966), 77 years

Children:
1. William Dandridge born 1921
2. Elsie born 1922
3. Neal born 1927

William Dandridge Flagg (1921-1996), 75 years

Children:
1. Dan Morris Flagg born 1950
2. Sherrie Ann born 1955

Dan Morris Flagg born 1950, 76 years of age at the time of this writing.

Children:
1. Jennifer Lynn born 1976
2. Steven Lynn born 1981

Steven Lynn Flagg born 1981, 45 years of age at the time of this writing.

Children:
1. Amara Ellouise Arboladura born 2022

The preparation of this volume relied upon a combination of published genealogies, primary source records, and the shared memories of the Flagg family. Principal works consulted include The Descendants of Eleazer Flagg and His Wife Huldah Chandler of Grafton, Massachusetts (1903), Genealogical Notes on the Founding of New England by Ernest Flagg (1926), and Family Records of the Descendants of Gershom Flagg, Born 1730 (1907).

These foundational histories were enriched by United States Federal Census reports, marriage registers, and contemporary accounts from Newspapers.com. Military records were of particular importance, including registration cards and muster rolls from the National Archives, which provided insight into the service of William Dandridge Flagg at the Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy and aboard the USS Lowndes.

Further digitized documents and compiled family data were accessed via Ancestry.com, Conway Historical Society, and Archive.org. Crucially, this work was also shaped by the oral histories and personal knowledge graciously provided by living family members. Together, these sources provide the historical context and documentary evidence for the lineage presented in this work.

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